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Tuesday, 15 July 1952

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1. [REDACTED] mentioned Adm. Radford's cable to Gen. Smith relating to rubber shipments to China and I explained that Mr. Amory had this matter under study and referred the cable to him. Later, [REDACTED] showed me an interim reply to Adm. Radford, which I approved. 25X1A9a

2. Noted on DCI's copy of SCAG report an inquiry as to whether he should do anything about it and I requested Chris to give him a note saying that there was nothing to be done at this time. This matter can be pursued through the Brownell Committee report.

3. Had a chat with Messrs. Amory, Howe and Evans (the latter two of State) respecting the EDAC intelligence working group. We were in complete agreement that this should be an intelligence unit, the representatives from operating agencies being called in for intelligence information, and that revision should be made for review of any disputed items by EIC, before referral of such items to IAC. All felt that these objectives might be secured under the present exchange of letters, as a matter of interpretation, although in some cases this interpretation is a strained one.

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4. Discussed with [REDACTED] of O/SI the draft ad hoc Scientific and Technical Committee report. [REDACTED] was unhappy on two points, primarily: 25X1A9a

a. The abolition of working-level committees. With respect to this point, I explained that the consultation groups could be utilized as committees in everything but name, although CIA no longer would have the chairmanship as such.

25X1A9a b. That CIA no longer possessed the "leadership" in this field and by this I understood [REDACTED] to mean authority to coordinate activities. As respects this point, I was not sufficiently satisfied that the preexisting arrangement was calculated to produce intelligence of such quality as to justify the Director continuing to take responsibility therefor. Under the new arrangement, there is a clear allocation of responsibility and O/SI can continue its leadership, even though not in the chair, if, indeed, its work is clearly superior in quality to that of all other agencies. Moreover, I was unwilling at this time to take the position that the Military Services were incapable of meeting the responsibilities they were requesting.

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Nevertheless, in the light of the discussion with [REDACTED] I revised paragraph 11 and following of the second draft, in an effort to raise and settle the issue of whether or not working groups in specially important fields would be continued.

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5. Chatted briefly with [REDACTED] respecting the results of 25X1A9a his trip. Advised him that a much tighter control should be instituted over [REDACTED] and I felt that this, to some extent, involved a change of personnel. I said that I was unwilling to make any such changes until he had returned, but I expect him to look into this and report to me the action he is taking.

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